(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government propose to provide personal security to each of the Chief Executives of the banks in Punjab; and

(d) what further steps Union Government propose to take to remove fear in the minds of bank employees in the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) On 3rd August, 1991 militants killed the Regional Manager and the Assistant General Manager of Punjab National Bank at Ludhiana.

(c) and (d) The State Government has been requested by Government of India and the leading banks in the State to provide adequate security to the senior executives of banks. The banks have also met the State officials on 26th August, 1991 and reviewed the arrangements in this regard.

Progress of vocational education in some States

*112. CHOWDHRY HARI SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that vocational in some States;

(b) whether any study has been made in the matter;

(c) if so, what are the results of the study; and

(d) what steps are being taken or are proposed to be taken to attract more students towards vocational education with a view to providing gainful employment to them after their education?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) to (c) There are differences in the level of achievement among States/UTs in the implementation of the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Vocationalisation of Secondary Education launched in February, 1988. Although some States are yet to pick up momentum, the Quick Appraisal studies conducted by NCERT in early 1990 in 6 States and 1 UT, overall indicated positive trends.

(d) The steps envisaged include starting of need-based vocational courses, organizing job-linked courses in collaboration with potential employers, review and amendment of recruitment rules, and facilitating self-employment.

Plan outlay for NWDP project

*114. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the outlay for the National Wastelands Development Project during 1991-92;

(b) what has been the cumulative investment till date on the Project;

(c) whether any study has been carried out as to its effectiveness to the country; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) The plan outlay in the Budget Estimates of 1991-92 for all activities and projects of the National Wastelands Development Board is Rs. 130.01 crores.

(b) The total expenditure on all activities and projects of the National Wastelands Development Board during the Seventh Plan period (1985—90) was Rs. 250.98 crores. In 1990-91, the expenditure was Rs. 83.7 crores.

(c) The National Wastelands Development Board was established in May, 1985. A review of the work done during the period 1985-86 to 1988-89 was carried out in 1989-90. With a view to enhance effectiveness, the Wastelands

Development Programme was revised and it was decided that a mission approach should be adopted for enlisting people's participation, harnessing the inputs of science & technology and achieving inter-disciplinary coordination in programme planning and implementation.

(d) Does not arise.

ईसाइयों को अनुसूचित जातियों/अनुसूचित जनजातियों की सूची में सम्मिलित किए जाने की मांग

*115. श्री सत्य प्रकाश मालवीय : क्या कल्याण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या ईसाइयों को अनुसूचित जातियों/अनुसूचित जनजातियों की सूची में सम्मिलित किए जाने संबंधी कोई मांग सरकार के विचाराधीन है ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस संबंध में सरकार की प्रतिक्रिया क्या है ?

कल्याण मंत्री (श्री सीताराम केसरी) : (क) और (ख) मामला परीक्षणाधीन है ।

Atrocities on SC/ST

@*116. SHRI GURUDAS GUPTA:

SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM:

Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that atrocities on SC and ST people are on the increase since the last three months;

(b) if so, the number of incidents that took place since July, 1991, State-wise; and

(c) what measures Government propose to take to combat violence on weaker sections of the society?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) and (b) Information is under collection and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(c) The Scheduled Castes and the Schedule Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989, has been passed to prevent commission of atrocities on Scheduled Castes and Schedule Tribes. The Act provides for stringent punishments. Special Courts are to be specified/set up and Special Public Prosecuters appointed for speedy trial of cases of atrocities under the Act. The Act provides for relief and rehabilitation to the victims of atrocities. The Government of India share the cost of the implementation of both the Protection of Civil Rights Act, 1955 and the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989 with the State Governments on a matching basis (50:50). The Government have issued detailed guidelines covering precautionary preventive, punitive and rehabilitative measures to State Governments to check crimes against Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes.

Recommendations of KVS Standing Committee on promotional avenues of teachers

*117. SHRI SARADA MOHANTY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what are the recommendations of KVS Standing Committee set up to look into the demands of employees, with regard to creation of promotional avenues for those categories of Kendriya Vidyalaya teachers who do not have any avenues for promotion at present; and

(b) what decision the Sangathan has taken on each of these recommendations?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) No Standing Committee has been set up by the Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan in this regard.

(b) Does not arise.

@Previously starred question 56, transferred from the 28th August, 1991.